

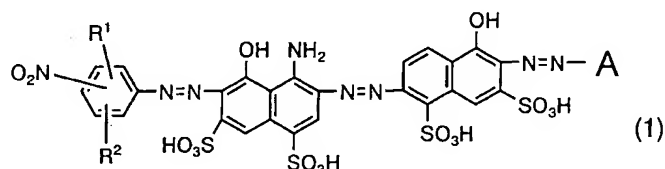
Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 with the following amended paragraph:

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The inventors intensively studied a way to solve the above problems, and thus have completed the present invention. That is, the present invention relates to:

(1) A trisazo compound represented by Formula (1) as shown below or a salt thereof;



(wherein, each of R¹ and R² independently represents a hydrogen atom; a halogen atom; a cyano group; a carboxyl group; a sulfo group; a sulfamoyl group; an N-alkylaminosulfonyl group; an N-phenylaminosulfonyl group; a phosphoric acid group; a nitro group; an acyl group; a ureide group; a (C1 to C4) alkyl group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group or a (C1 to C4) alkoxy group; ~~a hydroxy group; a (C1 to C4) alkoxy group;~~ a (C1 to C4) alkoxy group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group, a (C1 to C4) alkoxy group, a sulfo group or a carboxyl group; or an acylamino group: A represents a phenyl group or a naphthyl group (wherein, these phenyl group and naphthyl group may be substituted with a halogen atom; a cyano group; a carboxyl group; a sulfo group; a sulfamoyl group which may be substituted with an alkyl group or a phenyl group; a phosphoric acid group; a nitro group; an acyl group; a ureide group; a (C1 to C4) alkyl group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group or a (C1 to C4) alkoxy group; ~~a hydroxy group; a (C1 to C4) alkoxy group;~~ a (C1 to C4) alkoxy group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group, a (C1 to C4) alkoxy group, a sulfo group or a carboxyl group; or an acylamino group.))